



ST Mary Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of EASTER

April 21, 2024



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SANTA MARÍA

1291 E. MADISON AVE

ATHENS, TN 37303

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER— APRIL 21, 2024

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday– Thursday 7:30AM—5:00PM

CONFESSION—After daily Mass—Saturday 4:00-4:45pm Sunday 7:30-7:45am//9:30-9:45am//12:30-12:45pm

WEEK DAY DAILY MASS: 9am plus Wednesday at 6pm.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS TIMES 9AM AND 7PM

Saturday: First Saturday of month 9am; Vigil Mass 5pm

If Holy Day is on a Wednesday Mass will be at 6PM

Sunday: Mass 8am Latin, 10:00am English and 1pm Spanish

Stewardship/Collection

APRIL 13/14, 2024

Offertory (Envelopes/Check-Cash-On Line)	\$ 2,203.00
Offertory Loose collection	\$ 1,651.00
Mass/Coffee/Candles/Rmbr/Rent/Flowers/etc.	\$ 546.29
TOTAL	\$ 4,400.29

MARCH COLLECTIONS

Building—Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,095.00	\$ 955.00
In Memory of Mary Guthrie		\$ 50.00
Columbarium Fund Donations	\$ 7,105.00 As of 10/23	\$
04/21—Good Samaritan—1/2 to Coordinated Charities	\$ 130.00	\$ 130.00
Good Samaritan—Baby Bottle		\$ 3.80
04/— - Ladies for Charity		\$ 100.00
03—Rice Bowls		\$ 79.87
Deficit Reduction—As of April 14, 2024 -	\$ 47,385.90	\$ 490.00

To donate online go to www.stmaryathenstn.org. Click on the DONATE TAB AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE IT WILL TAKE YOU TO THE VANCO SITE. FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. Thank you

February 29, 2024 — Finance Report is located in the message board.
If you would like to receive collection envelopes please call the office.

Daily Mass Readings Beginning April 17-23, 2024

Method for Prayerfully Reading the Scriptures (Lectio Divina) 1. Read
2. Reflect (meditate) 3. Respond (pray) 4. Rest (contemplate)

Sunday, April 17—Jer 31:31-34//Heb 5:7-9//Jn 12:20-33
Monday, April 18—Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62//Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday, April 19—2SM 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16//Rom 4:13, 16-18,
22//Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Wednesday, April 20—Dn 3:14-20, 91-9*2, 95//Jn 8:31-42
Thursday, April 21—Gn 17:3-9//Jn 8:51-59
Friday, April 22—Jer 20:10-13// Jn 10:31-42
Saturday, April 23—Ez 37:21-28//Jn 11:45-56

Mass begins in the front of the Journeysongs, book with the gray edge pages.

Today's readings begin with— “Year B” # 911

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, April 21, 2024

11:15 AM—CCD

3PM—Curial Legions

Monday, April 22, 2024

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

6:30PM—K of C Cor Group

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

6AM to 5:45 Adoration

6:45PM—RCIA

6:45—Youth Ministry

Thursday, April 25, 2024

Friday, April 26, 2024

Saturday, April 27, 2024

9am - Volunteers Cleans

10am—Noon First Communion Practice

Sunday, April 28, 2024

FIRST COMMUNION—10AM AND 1PM MASSES

CANDLE DONATIONS—We are asking for a donation of \$5.00 per candle to help defray the cost of the candles and Blue Globes

ATTENDANCE—

April 13/14 2024

5pm—72//8am—100//10am—145//1pm—126—Total 443

March—2024 WEEKLY AVG - 535

5pm—113//8am—96//10am—183//1pm—143

Altar Flowers—



**Are in Celebration of the 36th
Wedding Anniversary of Gary
and Tanda Dykes.**

Please sign up to have flowers in our Church for a loved one, a Blessing or just because. The donation is \$50.00 or more if you would like more. More than one family can sign up at the same time.

Mass Intentions

April 20-27, 2024

Fr. will be away Tuesday– Friday and will take those masses with him. We will have adoration on Wednesday all day.

April 20—Saturday 9AM and 5PM

+Victoria Orr from Tom and Thelma Pickunas

April 21—Sunday 8AM//10AM//1PM

+Marcos and Adolila Sheen from Maria Byers

+Lanny Boyd from Ann Julian

St. Mary Parish

April 22—Monday 9AM

+Fr. Vincent Fitzpatrick from Defend Life

April 23— Tuesday 9AM -No Mass Here

+Carlos Dumas from Defend Life

April 24— Wednesday 9AM and 6PM—No Mass Here

ADORATION 6AM—5:45PM

+Emillio and Leonela Torres from Alicia Mora

+Martha Medina from Alicia Torres

April 25—Thursday 9AM—No Mass Here

+Bane Kelly from Defend Life

April 26—Friday—9AM—No Mass Here

+Victoria Orr from Dorleen Schoonover

April 27—Saturday—5PM

St. Mary Parish

WEEKDAY'S - AFTER MORNING MASS YOU ARE WELCOME TO STAY FOR THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AND THE ROSARY

Mass Donation is \$5.00 per Mass. Due at the time of the request.

MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

FEBRUARY 29, 2024

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

BUDGET CATEGORY	BUDGET	EXPENDITURES	
		THRU 2/29/2024	% EXPENDED
PASTORAL-ADMIN/GENERAL	\$ 188,974	\$ 123,342	65%
LITURGY	21,249	16,399	77%
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	14,588	6,272	43%
MINISTRY OF YOUTH	7,546	904	31%
PARISH COUNCIL-GENERAL	320	251	78%
PLANT/PARISH OPER. & MAINT.	91,130	70,182	77%
TOTALS	\$ 326,807	\$ 220,264	67%

CURRENT MONTH

MONTHLY REV. FEB. 2024 \$ 23,302
MONTHLY EXP. FEB. 2024 26,028
OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$ (2,726)

YEAR TO DATE

REV. JULY 2023-FEB. 2024 \$ 216,121
EXP. JULY 2023-FEB. 2024 220,264
OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$ (4,143)

SUMMARY:

CURRENT FY 2024 SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$ (4,143)

CARRY OVER DEFICIT PRIOR YEAR (19,418)

FALL FESTIVAL FUNDS OF FEB. 2024 -0-

(ALL FIGURES ARE ROUNDED)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP GENEROSITY

PRAYER FOR MY FAMILY

*St. Anthony, God blessed you with a loving family
To form you in the image and ideals of Jesus Christ.
From your place in heaven, watch over my family, and help us
grow together in faith and in a loving concern
For each other.*

*Strengthen our bonds of family unity when we
Practice Jesus' teaching of forgiveness, of selfless
service, of putting the love of God and the needs of
others first in our lives. Give us words and ways to express our
affection and respect for all in our
Family, and guide us to work through and resolve all
Our misunderstandings and disagreements. Amen.*

APRIL SECOND COLLECTIONS—

April 20/21—**Good Samaritan**—50% of this collection goes to support the needs of Coordinated Charities and the other 50% stays here to help those that ask us for help.

APRIL 27/28—National Collection for Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Please be generous in supporting the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. This collection helps to strengthen the Catholic Church in the United States in its 87 mission territories. As the Diocese of Knoxville is one of the smallest dioceses in the nation, it is a direct beneficiary of Catholic Home Missions assistance. Your generosity in support of this appeal is greatly appreciated for the additional blessings it brings to our diocese. Thank you.



MEMORIAL DAY IS QUICKLY APPROACHING—MAY 27.

We would like to recognize all of our Loved ones that we have lost during the wars that they have served in and those who have since passed away. They will be recognized Memorial Day Weekend. We have a sign up sheet in the Narthex. We will also have a box to drop the photographs in. Please give us your name and phone number so we can return the photos. Or if you have a photo e-mail the office a copy with their information so it can be posted or bring a copy in and we will make a copy and return it to you.

Going Away Dinner for Fr. John. Is planned for May 19th between the 10AM and 1PM Masses. We want every one to help give Fr. John a Happy send off. We will be providing the meats, some of his favorite's Hamburgers, meatloaf, and turkey (for those that want something healthy). And a cake for the meal and will need everyone to bring a side dish to share. I will have a sign up sheet in the Narthex next week, so we will have a idea of what your bringing and a count. If you can help or take the lead on set up and organizing the event please call the office. More information to come. We will also have a table set up with cards and a box so that you can write your well wishes and gifts for Father John.

Columbarium Update:

The Columbarium Committee has been working on the preliminary design for an octagonal columbarium in the area of the Statue of the Unborn on the west side of the church. The design includes four columbaria, with Phase 1 to include a single columbarium. With the layout determined, the next step will be finalizing the construction estimate. With the layout and estimate complete, the committee will be able to present the design to parish in the near future and looks forward to getting some parish feedback on the project to determine the path forward. Please let Barb Bever, Lou Dionne, Ed Fiegler or Paul Kessler know if you have any questions.

A Spring Dinner Dance, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on Saturday, May 11, after the 5 pm Mass. Tickets are \$25.00 per couple and \$15.00 per single. Food and Fun can be expected for all adults. A RSVP is requested by signing up on the RSVP sheets in the Narthex so the Knights can prepare for the event. We look forward to seeing you!



NEW TO OUR PARISH—If you are new to our parish see one of our ushers for a **PARISH REGISTRATION FORM (Green)**—They are also located in the Narthex in the slots in back of the church on the left as you leave. Also let the office know if you would like envelopes. You may put it in with the collection or drop it off at the office. **TO UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION (CHANGES) FILL OUT THE PARISH REGISTRATION FORM AND LET OFFICE KNOW IT IS A “UPDATE” ON YOUR FAMILY. Place with the collection or drop it off at the office.**

PRAYER CHAIN—Call/Text Paulette Croteau at 423-333-8674, or the office to be placed on the prayer chain, or if you would like to help with the prayer chain. Keep in your prayers Phyliss Youngs, Roselyn Spicer, Gary Dykes, Deacon Al Fosythe, Giselle Fogelgren, and all of the known and unknown, all of our sick family and friends, our unborn children and our Homebound. Names will remain on the bulletin part of prayer chain for three months or if you request they be removed. They never come off the prayer chain. If you or a family member needs a Pastoral visit or anointing call the office or see Father Orr.



Ladies for Charity – If you have a food need contact Barb Bever at 423-745-9788. The needs of our food pantry are greater due to the current economic conditions. Requested food products are Creamy Peanut Butter, Cherrios, and Jelly. Thank you for your generosity through food and monetary donations which help our parishioners in need.

Reminder: Parents, please escort your young children to the restrooms and on church property, at all times. The office is reminding all parents/guardians/parishioners. Please keep a watch out for your children at all times, never leave them unattended inside or outside alone.

YARD SALE NEWS: The team has been formed. Stay turned for Future Plans and information.



If any of you have copies of old Magnificat's and would like to donate them, Our Franciscan Cell would like to have them. Give them to Paulette Croteau or you may turn them into the office for them.

Office Manager – Diocese of Knoxville Catholic Schools Office -

The Diocese of Knoxville Catholic Schools Office is accepting applications for a full-time Office Manager. The Office Manager provides support to the Diocese of Knoxville Catholic Schools Office. This position helps ensure the smooth functioning of the School's Office and is committed to advancing the mission of Jesus Christ. Ideal candidates would be faithful Catholics, have experience working in an office manager setting and working in a Catholic school. For more information, please go to www.dioknox.org/

My dear parishioners,

Peace! Among the sixteen documents of the Second Vatican council (1962-1965) is the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, *Gaudium et spes*. In an earlier project published as *Dogmatic Questions and Answers for the Year of Faith* (Charlestown, SC: Createspace, 2012) the three constitutions on the Church, on Divine Revelation and on the Sacred Liturgy (*Lumen Gentium*, *Dei Verbum*, and *Sacrosanctum Concilium* respectively) were considered. The following questions and answers have been drawn up in anticipation of the 60th anniversary of *Gaudium et spes* in 2025.

504. How is the communitarian character developed and consummated (GS, 32.2)?

In the work of Jesus Christ

505. In what did the very Word made flesh will to share (GS, 32.2)?

In human fellowship

506. What three examples are given in support of the will of the Word made flesh to share in human fellowship (GS, 32.2)?

He was present at the wedding of Cana,

He visited the house of Zacchaeus,

He ate with publicans and sinners

507. Who has revealed both the love of the Father and the sublime vocation of man (GS, 32.2)?

Jesus Christ

508. In what three ways did Jesus Christ reveal both the love of the Father and the sublime vocation of man (GS, 32.2)?

In terms of the most common of social realities,

By making use of the speech of every day life,

By making use of the imagery of everyday life

509. What did Jesus Christ do concerning the laws of His country (GS, 32.2)?

Jesus obeyed the laws of His country

God bless you!

Father John Arthur Orr



We believe in the healing ministry of Jesus Christ and in continuing the legacy of the Sisters of Mercy by providing healthcare to the poor and medically underserved in the rural areas of East Tennessee. Call 865-212-5570, to schedule an appointment. They are here at St Mary Catholic Church every 3rd Thursday, from 10AM-2PM.

The Good Faith Clinic—is primary health care for residents of McMinn and Meigs counties, ages 18 to 65 who do not have any form of medical insurance, including Tenn Care. The clinic will be open on two Thursday's each month. The clinic is at 14 Congress Parkway S, here in Athens. Phone 423-745-8185.

CONTACTS FOR:

CCD Director— **Debbie Forsythe**— 865-297-6350 or at debforsthe@rocketmail.com along with Deacon Al Forsythe (Volunteer) /// **Youth Ministries**—**Sue Granger**—423-506-7836/// **RCIA**—**Jack Cox** - 423-836-2979/// **Hispanic Ministry**—**Alicia Mora**—423-368-5310/// **Baptism Preparation**—**Paulette Croteau** at 423-333-8674. Parish Family Life Center (PFLC) - Call the Office to schedule all use/rental of the PFLC by parish groups and the public.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Homeschool Support Group is an East TN group that supports Catholic homeschooling in the Knoxville Diocese. We are a diocesan registered multi-parish group of volunteers. We ARE NOT a co-op and do not follow a set curriculum. We are here to remind each other why we do what we do, celebrate the liturgical year together and offer opportunities for enrichment and socialization. To receive email updates and invites, please register your family (for free) to the OLOPH Knoxville Homeschool Group. <https://olophknoxville.wixsite.com/olophknoxville>. Additionally, each parish volunteer will communicate separately about other local opportunities for socialization & support. The contact for St. Mary's - Athens is the Overdorf family. Jared, Heather & their daughters can be reached at heatheroverdorf@protonmail.com, or 630.240.0459.